

Remarks

Claims 1 and 45-65 remain pending in the Application. No new matter has been added. Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claim Status

Claims 1 and 45-63 were rejected as anticipated pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over Youn (US 6,592,118).

The status of claims 64-65 is uncertain.

Reasons for Allowance

Claim 1

The Action alleges that Youn teaches the recited invention. The Applicants respectfully disagree with the interpretation and application of Youn. Youn does not anticipate claim 1. For example, Youn does not teach or suggest a cassette that can receive media therein while it is in an automated banking machine, especially where a movable partition (which can be either automatically locked or unlocked responsive to cassette movement) can guide into the cassette the media being received.

In an exemplary embodiment of operation a cassette is operative to receive and store therein currency notes that the automated banking machine (e.g., ATM) is not able to give a customer. For example, the cassette can receive for storage therein a currency note determined by the machine as unfit for presentation to a customer. The cassette can be inserted into the machine in an empty condition. The movable partition can guide currency notes to different storage areas as they enter the cassette.

Claim 56

Applicants' remarks in support of the patentability of claim 1 are incorporated herein by reference. For reasons previously discussed, the references, taken alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest the recited method.

Claim 63

Applicants' remarks in support of the patentability of claim 1 are incorporated herein by reference. For reasons previously discussed, the references, taken alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest the recited method.

The Dependent Claims

Youn also does not teach or suggest the recited dependent claims. Each of the dependent claims depends directly or indirectly from an independent claim. The Applicants have shown the independent claims to be allowable. Thus, it is asserted that the dependent claims are allowable on the same basis. Furthermore, each dependent claim additionally recites specific features and relationships that further patentably distinguish the claimed invention over the applied art.

For example, the alleged partition lock arrangement (latch pin 24) is not operative to automatically lock the alleged partition (push plate 4) during *removal* of Youn's cassette (2). Where does Youn teach or suggest that the push plate (4) is automatically locked during cassette removal? Note claims 46, 57, and 64.

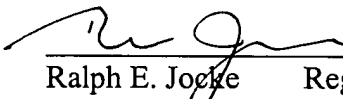
Youn does not teach or suggest the features and relationships that are specifically recited in these claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the dependent claims are further allowable due to the recitation of such additional features and relationships.

Conclusion

The applied prior art is devoid of any such teaching, suggestion, or motivation for combining features of the applied art so as to produce Applicants' invention. Allowance of all of Applicants' pending claims is therefore respectfully requested.

The undersigned will be happy to discuss any aspect of the Application by telephone at the Office's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,



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